

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Hiroki MATSUOKA Confirmation No. 5813  
SERIAL NO. : 10/589,205  
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FOR : EXHAUST PURIFYING APPARATUS AND EXHAUST  
PURIFYING METHOD FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION  
ENGINE  
GROUP ART UNIT : 3748  
Examiner: Tu Minh NGUYEN

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**RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 16, 2009 in the above-identified application, and in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, the Applicant respectfully submits the following, accompanied by a one-month extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.